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SUBJ: PHILIPPINE GOVERNMENT PROPOSAL ON NATURALIZED US CITIZENS
OF PHILIPPINE ORIGIN

REF: A) MANILA 11985; B) STATE 221615

1. EMBASSY OFFICER HAD LONG DISCUSSION WITH SECRETARY JUSTICE
ABAD SANTOS AND UNDERSECRETARY OF JUSTICE MACARAIG ON PROBLEMS
AND STATUS CONCERNING THE GOP PROPOSAL TO GRANT PHIL CITIZENSHIP
TO NATURALIZED US CITIZENS OF PHIL ORIGIN.

2. DEPT OF JUSTICE OFFICIALS WERE GIVEN MEMO WHICH DISCUSSED
MATTERS CONTAINED IN REFTEL B AND WHICH CONVEYED STRONG US OPPOSI-
TION TO CONCEPT. THEY INDICATED APPRECIATION FOR PROBLEM AREAS
BUT STATED MATTER STILL ACTIVELY BEING CONSIDERED BY MALACANANG.
APPARENTLY GOP HAS RECEIVED MANY INQUIRIES CONCERNING SUBJECT FROM
THEIR CONSULATES IN US AND FROM SUCH INFORMATION THERE WERE INDI-
CATIONS IT WAS MEETING WITH SOME FAVOR BY PEOPLE CONCERNED.

3. DEPT OF JUSTICE HAS RENDERED LEGAL OPINION TO PRESIDENT MARCOS
THAT CONCEPT FEASIBLE IF PROPERLY IMPLEMENTED. STATED THEY DID NOT
KNOW PRECISE STATUS AT PRESENT TIME BUT WOULD PURSUE THE MATTER IN
LIGHT OF INFORMATION IN MEMO.

4. COMMENT: FROM CONVERSATION, IT WAS APPARENT THAT MARCOS STILL
WEDDED TO IDEA AND JUSTICE DEPT WILL NOT HAVE DECIDING VOTE ON
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WHETHER OR NOT CONCEPT IMPLEMENTED, BUT WILL HAVE INFLUENCE ON
SCOPE OF INDIVIDUALS CONVERGED AND PROCEDURE TO BE UTILIZED. HOW-
EVER, INDICATIONS WERE THAT THEY WILL TAKE FRESH LOOK AND MAY
ATTEMPT TO DISCOURAGE BECAUSE OF MANY LEGAL PROBLEMS PRESENTED.
AS OPPORTUNITY ARISES, EMBASSY WILL CONTINUE TO DISCOURAGE IMPE-
MENTATION OF DUAL NATIONALITY.
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